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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ELAB, PINT, IS

SUBJECT: ISRAEL AND THE ILO

1. DURING HIS INITIAL CALL ON NEA LABOR ADVISOR ON  
SEPTEMBER 8, NEWLY ASSIGNED ISRAELI LABOR ATTACHE BENJAMIN  
SELLA WAS ASKED WHAT ISRAEL INTENDED TO DO IF THE US  
WITHDREW FROM THE ILO. HE SAID, IN ESSENCE, THAT ISRAEL  
INTENDED TO REMAIN IN THE ORGANIZATION BECAUSE, WHILE A  
COUNTRY LIKE THE US COULD LEAVE AND APPLY FOR READMISSION  
AND BE READILY ACCEPTED BACK IN THE ORGANIZATION, ISRAEL,  
WHICH HAD ENOUGH TROUBLE STAYING IN INTERNATIONAL OR-  
GANIZATIONS, COULD NOT AFFORD TO TAKE THE CHANCE TO  
LEAVE AND ATTEMPT TO RETURN AT A LATER DATE. ALTHOUGH  
SELLA GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT BOTH HISTADRUT AND THE GOI  
WERE OF THE SAME MIND ON STAYING IN THE ILO, IT WOULD  
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BE USEFUL IF THE EMBASSY COULD ASCERTAIN IF THIS IS  
ACTUALLY THE CASE.

2. IN DISCUSSING US WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ILO, SELLA SAID  
HISTADRUT DOES NOT FAVOR US WITHDRAWAL BUT PREFERS A  
ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF OUR LETTER OF WITHDRAWAL, WHICH  
ACCORDING TO SELLA, ILO LAWYERS HAD SAID WAS LEGALLY

POSSIBLE. HISTADRUT SECRETARY GENERAL YERUHAM MESHEL IS  
SUPPOSED TO HAVE CONVEYED THIS POSITION TO AFL-CIO  
PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY DURING HIS MEETING WITH HIM LAST  
WEEK. SELLA DID NOT INDICATE MEANY'S REACTION, IF ANY,  
TO THIS POSITION. IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO THE  
DEPARTMENT IF THE EMBASSY WOULD ASCERTAIN NOT ONLY  
HISTADRUT'S VIEWS ON US WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ILO BUT  
ALSO THE VIEWS OF THE GOI. VANCE

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